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REAR ADMIRAL THORNTON A. JENKINS, U. S. N.—Rear Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins was appointed midshipman from Virginia in November, 1828, and served five years in the West Indies in the "Natchez," "Vandalia," and the boat squadron in pursuit of the Cuban pirates. He passed at the head of his class at his examination for promotion June 2, 1834, in a class of eighty-two; was on Coast Survey from 1834 to 1842, having been made lieutenant in 1839; served in the "Congress" in the Mediterranean, and was present at the capture of the Buenos Ayrean squadron off Montevideo in September, 1844; on special service in Europe, 1845-'6; executive officer of "Germantown" during the Mexican war, and commanded store-ship "Relief," during the latter part of the war. He was actively engaged at Tuspan and Tabasco, and was employed in the Coast Survey from 1848 to 1852; was secretary of Light-house Board from 1853 to 1858; commander, 1855; commanded the "Preble," in the expedition to Paraguay and Gulf of Mexico: was at San Juan d'Ulloa during the siege of General Miramon, and conveyed the prizes "Miramon," and "Marquis of Havana," with their crews and passengers as prisoners, to New Orleans. In 1861 he was secretary of Light-house Board; captain in July, 1862; commanded "Wachusett" in the James and Potomac rivers; was the senior officer of those present in the attacks at Coggin's Point and City Point. In the fall of 1862 he was in command of "Oneida," blockading off Mobile; was next appointed fleet captain and chief of staff of Farragut's fleet; present at the passage of Port Hudson and fight with Grand Gulf batteries, Warrenton and Grand Gulf; was present at the siege of and the attack upon Port Hudson, May, 1863; was wounded on board the "Monongahela" during the battle with the enemy's batteries at College Point, Mississippi river, being in command of three armed vessels engaged in convoy duty. He was in command of the "Richmond," and senior officer in command of the naval forces below, at the time of the surrender of Port Hudson, July 9, 1863. He commanded a division on the Mobile blockade, from December, 1863, to the battle of Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864, in which, and all the subsequent operations, he took part. He was left in command of the Mobile Bay division until February, 1865. He was then ordered to James river, and remained there until after the end of the war.

Captain Jenkins was made Commodore in 1866, while chief of the Bureau of Navigation. In 1869 he became secretary of the Light-house Board, and Rear Admiral in 1870. He commanded the Asiatic Squadron, and was relieved on that station in 1873, having reached the age of retirement in December. In March, 1874, he was appointed by the President commissioner to represent the Navy Department at the Centennial Exhibition of 1876, at Fairmont Park, Philadelphia.

He died on the 9th of August, 1893, at Washington, D. C.